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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, applicants request entry of this amendment. Prior

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entry of this amendment, claims 1 to 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 25, and 26 are pending in the

application. By this amendment, claims 1 to 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 25, and 26 are cancelled,

without prejudice, and replaced with new claims 27 to 43, in order for applicants to more

fully claim what applicants regard as their invention. Accordingly, applicants present claims

27 to 43 to the Examiner for consideration. Favorable consideration of the present

amendment is respectfully requested.

New claims 27 to 43 represent amended forms of claims 1 to 12, 14, 15, 20, 21, 25,

and 26, and as such do not present new matter. New claims 27 to 43 narrow the scope of and

correct typological errors within the now cancelled claims. Support for new claim 27 may be

found in cancelled claim 1. Support for new claims 28 to 37 may be found in cancelled

claims 2 to 5 and 7 to 12, respectively. Support for new claim 38 may be found in cancelled

claim 14. Support for new claims 39 and 40 may be found in cancelled claims 20 and 21,

respectively. Support for new claims 41 to 43 may be found in cancelled claims 24 to 26,

respectively. Accordingly, applicants respectfully submit that no new matter is introduced by

new claims 27 to 43.

With respect to the response to the Restriction Requirement, wherein applicants

elected with traverse to prosecute the claims of Group X (claims 20 to 21 drawn to

compounds as given in Table 4, not included in Groups I to IV, wherein the R has a

piperazine), applicants submit that this election now applies with equal force to new claims

39 and 40.

Please direct any questions regarding this supplemental preliminary amendment to the

undersigned attorney.

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